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MY CLUBS' COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS

A radio talk by Floyd Amsler, 4-H Club boy, Jasper County Georgia, delivered in the National 4-H Club radio program, and broadcast by a network of 58 associate NBC stations, December 1, 1934.

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Four years ago, Ray Bundy, our vocational teacher in the Rensselaer High School, placed under my supervision ten 4-H club boys in Newton Township which is approximately eighty miles southeast of Chicago, located in the central part of Jasper County.

This was the first year for this club, but the members set up their projects and completed them one hundred percent, exhibiting their products at our annual Jasper County Fair that is held the last week in August each year. Two of these boys exhibited at the Indiana State Fair and placed first on corn in their region, and first on pen of ewe lambs. These results inspired more boys to enroll in club work so the next year, 1931 our club enrollment increased to twenty-one boys, with projects in pig, lamb, dairy, poultry, and potato. That year we elected our officers and planned our year's program in advance, and I was very proud of the fact that the boys carried on their program successfully. At each meeting we planned a demonstration and secured a speaker to discuss various problems. The demonstrations included how to cull a poultry flock, what kind of rations to feed for fattening pigs, drenching lambs, feeding dairy calves, and selecting and cutting potatoes for seed.

A county tour was held and forty-four members of the county visited some of my members' projects. One boy discussed his poultry flock of one hundred birds and gave his figures on egg production and feed per hen. Another boy showed how to drench a lamb, and trim and block him for the show ring.

In 1932 the Newton Township Club began another successful year with seventeen boys enrolled. We followed the same procedure in planning our program as the year before. Ninety percent of the projects were completed and exhibited at our county fair. One of the boys from our club was on the winning county livestock judging team. Another was assistant superintendent of the sheep department. Three other boys from the club were awarded trips to the Indiana State Fair on sheep, poultry, and livestock judging.

The following year, 1933, our club enrollment totaled eighteen members. Twenty-four projects were completed and exhibited at the Jasper County Fair. At the Indiana State Fair two members exhibited and were very successful in winning several prizes in the corn and lamb club classes. One of our boys was on the winning county demonstration team which placed third in the State contest.

1934 proved to be a big year in my leadership work. Our new county agent, E. E. Fultz, suggested to me that a 4-H club be organized in Union Township, which adjoins the township in which I live. So, under the supervision of the county agent and myself, a meeting was held and twelve new boys were enrolled. I was also appointed leader over the North Marion Township 4-H club of sixteen boys. These, together with the seventeen boys of Newton Township, made a total of forty-five boys enrolled, completing fifty-three projects in seven different lines of work.

The programs of each of these three clubs were carefully planned by a program committee. Each club held six meetings during the year and at each meeting a round table discussion was held. Older boys who had started good herds of hogs, flocks of sheep or had developed a good type of seed corn led the discussions. This year the members of my clubs sold seven purebred Shropshire rams, six purebred pigs, and sixty bushels of seed corn to their neighbors and to other 4-H Club members. These

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boys are looked upon by the people in their community as successful in their line of 4-H Club Work.

I have enjoyed the splendid cooperation given me by my fellow club members during my five years of leadership work, and my seven years of 4-H club experience has been of real educational value to me. I appreciate the Honor of being declared the 1934 winner of the Moses Leadership Trophy, made possible by Mr. Horace A. Moses.